

Renovations Slated For Reed Hall

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Ohio State Lima and Rhodes State students could soon have more activity room as officials from both Universities have tentatively agreed to expand and renovate Reed Hall to make more activity room for students. However, the move would be only temporary as one official confirmed the building of a new 25,000 square foot building currently geared for completion sometime between 2010-2011.

"I've always fought for more student involvement, now we are going to do something to enhance student space on campus" said John Upshaw, Director of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs. "Now we are going to do something."

Sources confirmed that the members of the student senate and representatives of the student activities office sat down during winter quarter with members of Rhodes State's staff, including Dr. Cynthia Spiers and Tim Littell, to discuss the need for student space. The meeting was primarily to address the concerns of lack of involvement in student activities by Rhodes State students, according to students at the meeting. During the meeting the Reed Hall expansion was discussed, which would possibly include a food franchise in the food area and a giant student lounge with new furniture. Other possibilities included meeting rooms for campus clubs.

A week after the meeting, sources reported that Dr. Spiers and another Rhodes official showed up at the student senate meet-

ing and said changes would start being made during the winter quarter.

Spiers, associate vice-president of student affairs and assistant to the president for planning, said that Rhodes has agreed to foot the majority of the bill for the renovation project, as Ohio State will be the primary supporters for the new building in a few years. She said this renovation would add about 6,000 square foot to Reed Hall.

"We are excited about it," Spiers said of the plan. "We want the students to feel at home."

Upshaw said the hiring of a new president at Rhodes has slightly slowed down the process. Rhodes State recently hired Dr. Deborah McCurdy, who is scheduled to begin February 1.

"The new president will want to be included in on this," Upshaw said. "However, I think we will all come together to renovate Reed Hall."

Spiers said they hope to break ground for the project in the Summer. "The only thing I can say is we want to be involved in any facility for student life," Spiers said. "It's still for all students. We are trying to work together on this student space thing."

A far as the new student life building tentatively being slated for 2010-2011, focus groups are being conducted and market research is being done to determine what would be best utilized by the students.

Everything from bowling alleys to work-out rooms are being considered, though nothing is final yet.



This sign identifying Reed Hall as the Student Activities Building might soon be accurate, if the proposed renovations are completed. Currently, the bulk of Student activities is housed in the basement of Galvin Hall.

Campus Unclear On Smoking Policy

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It's a common sight on campus: students quickening their pace as they approach the main entrance of Galvin Hall. Some are simply late to class. Others are trying to avoid the cloud of smoke hovering in the entranceway. They hold their breath, swing the door open, and release a mouthful of air once inside the building.

The students standing in the entranceway holding cigarettes in their hands are not so different, because they are frustrated too. On cold and rainy days, it seems that standing in front of the entrance is a smoker's only option. There are no sheltered areas designated for smoking on campus, which raises the question: What is the smoking policy for the OSU-Lima and Rhodes State campus?

Of course, all indoor areas on campus are smoke-free. However, smoking outdoors is where the picture gets fuzzy. According to a sign posted in the Galvin Hall entrance, smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of the building.

But, according to Guideline B of Policy 6.10, Rhode State's Non-Smoking Policy established in 1993, "Smokers who choose to smoke outside are requested not to smoke near building entrances." The language used in this policy implies that smoking near entrances is in fact not prohibited.

If this sounds like good news for smokers, think again. Policy 6.10 also states that "should irreconcilable conflicts arise between individuals who choose to smoke and those who do not, the rights of non-smokers will prevail." This statement clearly establishes the priority of non-smokers' rights. But, it does not specify how an "irreconcilable conflict" between smokers and non-smokers should be resolved.

The picture becomes even fuzzier given the fact that OSU-Lima does not have an official policy regarding smoking near building entrances.

Cynthia Spears, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Student Development Education for Rhode State College, said that "both institutions have already addressed the need to develop a memorandum of agreement to better support a joint non-smoking policy."

Such a joint policy does not yet exist. And since there are no published policies clearly stating where smoking is prohibited outdoors, are smokers required to obey the signs posted on campus buildings instructing them not to smoke within 15 feet?

Perhaps these signs serve as policies themselves. If we assume so, then it is the responsibility of both schools to better inform students and faculty of this policy.

Just as any other policy, a smoking policy

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What Is Facebook?

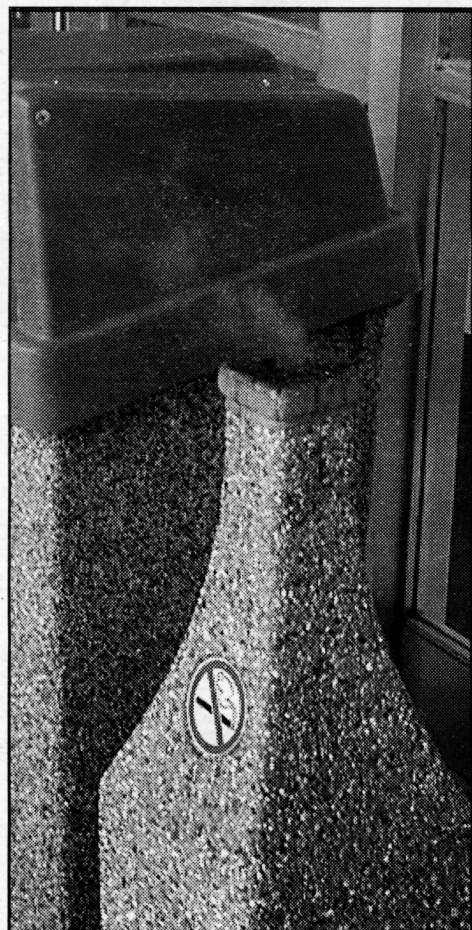
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With a bold design and user-friendly interface, Facebook.com is a phenomenon that has reached college campuses all over the United States. In fact, Facebook.com estimates that there are 101,000 page views a day from Ohio State students alone. Still, some people are oblivious to what Facebook is, and the website's intended purpose.

Facebook.com allows users to create a profile that includes a plethora of personal information. In addition, users can post photographs, send messages to others on the site, and view friends' profiles. Users can also identify the people in their pictures, which is a great tool for sharing school trip photos.

Jessi Reffit, an Ohio State Lima Freshman, says that Facebook is useful to her because it helps her to keep in touch with her high school friends while helping her get closer to her new friends in college. Jessi Says, "I use Facebook so that people that are in my classes can read my profile and learn a little

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A billow of smoke whiffs out of a cigarette urn just outside the entrance to Galvin Hall

ON CAMPUS

OSU- Lima debating pay to print

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Here at the Ohio State University - Lima we are facing an inevitable problem. At first thought it may seem to be a petty situation, but with a little thought it becomes more and more relevant.

The problem lies in the printing activity in the various public-computing areas found around campus. Great for academic and social purposes, these areas are in existence to benefit us - the tuition paying students.

While on these computers, one has seemingly complete power over purposes and printing activity, but as you know, with great power comes great responsibility. The unfortunate fact is that we are doing more than our fair share of printing. In autumn quarter alone, as reported by the Information Technology office, we used 62,485 sheets of paper and multiple toner cartridges.

Last quarter, in an effort to assess the printing problem, the Information Technology office monitored our printing. At the conclusion of autumn quarter they compiled the information, sent emails notifying students of their individual printing habits and

recently started an online forum welcoming student input and discussion.

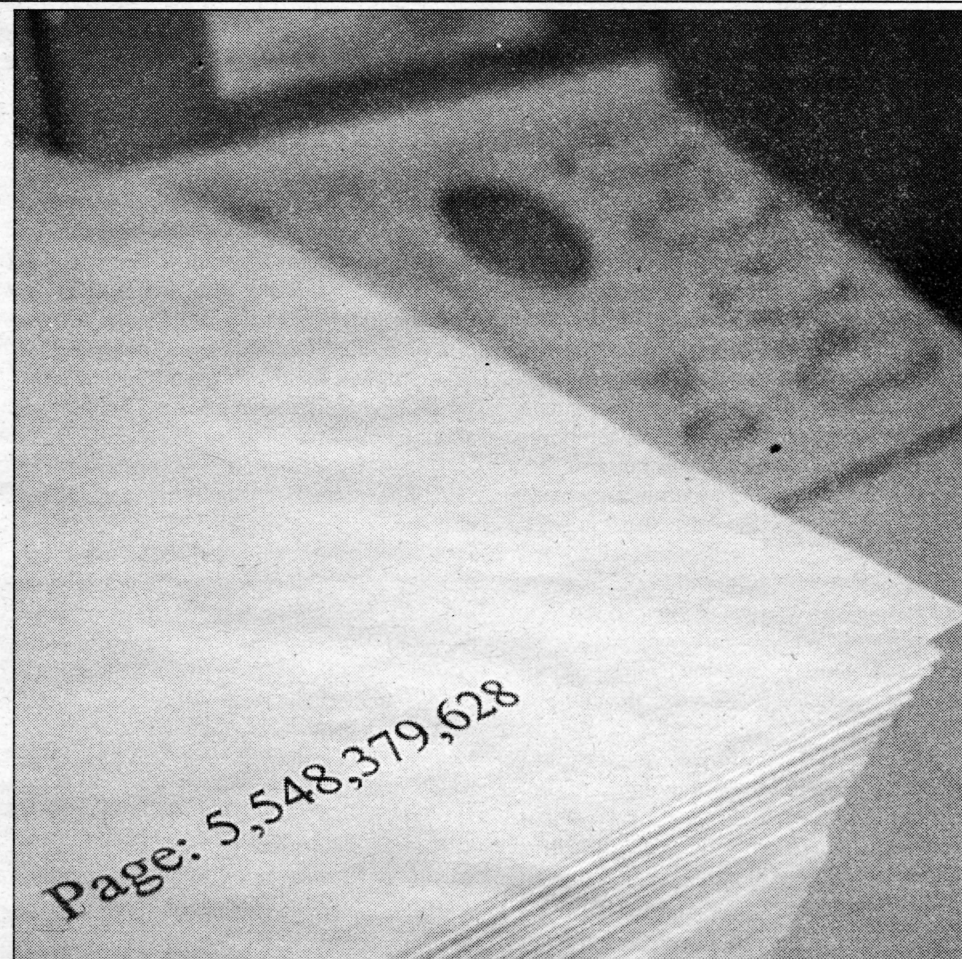
The online printing forum offers a variety of relevant information. A key point of this forum is a very detailed estimation of printing costs that includes every thinkable aspect of printing right down to the electricity. The estimation concludes that black and white laser printing costs 2 cents per page and colored ink jet printing costs 14 cents per page.

Another key point is found within student posts. Several students have already posted possible solutions, and expressed concerns about the need for printing in certain situations, like in distance learning classes.

The bottom line is that there has been no decision as of yet, and as students we can make sure this is taken care of in a manner that benefits everyone while conserving supplies.

I encourage you to think about the trees next time you print 184 copies of your English paper.

The Information Technology office set up this forum to give students a voice. The printing forum is conveniently linked on the Ohio State Lima homepage.



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Faculty Spotlight: Allison Gilmore

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Doctor Alison Gilmore, an Ohio State University at Lima history professor, has left the United States to go down under to the continent of Australia. She is continuing research for her new book, *Linguists as Intelligence Agents; The Allied Translator and Interpreter Section in the Pacific War of Japan*.

Dr. Gilmore herself said that a historian never uses four words when he or she can use ten. As seen from the lengthy title, the book deals with the use of linguists during World War II. She has been doing research for some time in the United States during the summer breaks and various breaks throughout the year when she is not teaching. During her research, Dr. Gilmore has found that a large number of these linguists were found to be Japanese-Americans, coming from the second generation of Japanese. These linguists were the first generation to be fully raised in the United States while their parents had immigrated to the United States before their birth. This seems to have caused some inner conflicts because although they were loyal to the United States, some still had family in Japan and many had grown up in the Japanese culture. However, most wanted to affirm their dedication to the United States by helping with the war movement.

Dr. Gilmore is a female highly respected in a mostly male dominated section of society. She says that she has never felt discriminated in any way during her various conferences but is viewed more with curiosity than dislike. She has chosen her main area of study to be American military history, often viewed as more of a male dominated field than usual. Many of her colleagues suspect that she has come from a military background or that she is studying women in the armed services. However neither of these are found to be true. When she was an undergrad at the University of Nebraska, one of her history professors, Peter Maslowski, put such a love for history in front of her that she changed her major to history and has loved every minute of it since. She chose military history simply because it interested her more than any other area.

Dr. Gilmore has received various grants to make her research possible, such as the Australian Army Occupation and a similar grant from the Office of Research from OSU. She has had to take a research leave for the quarter from the Lima campus to be able to 90 days of leave for the allotted time. She hopes to be able to do similar research as she has in the United States, such as talk to some of the linguists who are still alive and do various researches in archives across Australia.

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HOW TO...

Make Your Own Beer

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Don't Drink and Drive.

There I was, sitting in front of the beer section at one of the San Fernando Valley's Ralph's Supermarket's in 1999 saying to myself in symphony of un-colorful metaphors; "What say'th you Newcastle, why doesn't thou bleed my shillings dry." Actually, it was a lot worse and not so Shakespearian. At the time I uttered this passage I was working as an Assistant Brewmaster for a local microbrewery called the Country Club Brewery and Restaurant. We had just come back from a beer tournament in Vegas, and I was on my way home for some "well deserved" rest, from which I really didn't want to pay and arm and a leg to an English brewery for six bottles of liquid joy. So I thought to myself, "I could just make this stuff at home and save \$\$". Genius.

And since that day....I forever became known as a "Homebrewer".

Making beer can be a very fun, CHEAP and rewarding hobby. It takes patience, time and to some degree, restraint. You also don't have to be a microbiologist or one that dabbles in the magic of chemistry to enjoy this last bastion of male (and female) bonding either.

But enough about all that crappy stuff lets learn to make beer....

Equipment you'll need (these are absolutely must haves')

1. A 12 quart stainless steel pot (5 gal. preferable)
2. One 6.5 gal. bucket with air tight fitting lid with on small 1/2 inch hole drilled to one side of the bucket lid
3. Airlock (If your not sure, run siphon tubing out of the fermentation bucket hole from the top into a small bucket of water to create an airlock so your Carbon Dioxide can escape, (THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT) just make sure your hole is sealed air tight with the tubing coming out of it so no air can get in.
4. One bottle brush and siphon tubing
5. Oxygen cleaning powder (Oxy-Clean will do just as well)
6. Liquid Crystal Strip Thermometer
7. 40-50 12oz. Beer bottles (you can figure that one out)
8. One bottle capper, racking cane and bottle filling wand
9. One 6.5 gal. bottling bucket with Spigot (very much needed unless you want to spill your "precious" all over the kitchen)
10. One digital kitchen thermometer (will cost anywhere between \$7 - \$10 dollars, trust me, it's worth it)



(Google "Brewer's Best" and you can find great kits for around \$45.00 dollars)

Now that we have the equipment, lets pick a beer to make. I'm always partial to the English Brown. It's a good starter beer, and you really can't mess it up. So for this, you're going to have to do some searching for ingredients. (if your not sure, check the web. Most places sell beer kits that come with all ingredients)

Ingredients:

- 3.3 lbs. Plain Amber Malt Extract
 - 2 lbs. Plain Amber Dry Malt Extract
 - 8 oz. Crushed Crystal Malt
 - 1 each Grain Steeping Bag (a paint straining bag will also do the trick)
 - 1 oz. Willamette Hops (Bittering)
 - 1/2 oz. Willamette Hops (Finishing)
 - 5 oz of Priming Sugar (I like Honey)
 - 45-50 crowing caps (for the bottles)
 - 1 Beer Yeast (MOST important!, bread yeast is not the same! You will need brewers yeast if you want the taste to be great). I recommend Nottingham Brewers yeast. They normally come in little 11g. packets.
- Ok, Lets get down to business.....

1. Sanitize! Sanitize! Sanitize!.....Make sure everything your using (Equipment) has been cleaned and re-cleaned.
2. Pour two gal. of clean (I like distilled) water into your 5 gal. pot. Take your Crushed Malt and put into the strainer bag. Tie string around the top of the strainer bag. Place the strainer bag into the water and heat to 165 degrees F (think of it like a tea bag). However, DO NOT boil the grains. Once the water temp become 165 F, remove the bag out of the water WITHOUT squeezing (you can throw it away now)
3. Now bring the water to a full boil. Add the syrup and the dry malt extract. Keep stirring until the boil comes back to the water. Once the boil returns, add the bittering hops. Once you add the hops, watch out for an "over-

boil". You do not want this to happen (keep a spray bottle full of the clean water by the pot to spray on the boil once it starts to happen... you'll be glad you did). Boil for 45 minutes, then add the finishing hops. Now boil for 15 minutes (total boil time = 60 min.)

4. Now pour the contents (wort) into your sanitized 6.5 gal. fermentation bucket. Add 3gal. of the clean (cold) water into your fermenter until it reaches the 5 gal. mark. Put your airtight lid with airlock on the top to seal the wort. Try to rapidly cool the wort to 68 degrees F. Check the temp with your digital (or kitchen) thermometer, or just stick the liquid crystal thermometer on the side of the fermentation bucket.

5. When the wort has cooled to 68 degrees, stir it once. Once the wort starts turning, sprinkle the contents of the brewers yeast on the top of the wort. Once this is done, put the lid and airlock back on the top of the bucket and let Mother Nature run her course. Place the fermenter and your water airlock bucket in an area of your house that keeps a temperature of 68 to 72 degrees F (bedroom closets are great places). Just remember to keep the fermenter away from sunlight and fluorescent light.

6. Within a period of 48 hours you will notice bubbling coming out of the airlock water bucket, small at first then steady for the next 3 to 7 days (total fermentation usually takes 6 - 9 days).

7. On the last day of fermentation, clean and sanitize your 6.5 gal. bottling bucket, spigot, your siphon tubing, racking cane, Bottle filling wand, 45-50 brown glass brewing bottles and 45 - 50 bottling caps.

8. Now, in a sauce pan, add 5 oz. of your priming sugar (or substitute) to 2 cups of clean water and boil for 5 minutes (this will add natural carbonation to the brew during the bottle-and-wait process). After the 5 minute time limit, pour the sugar-water into the bottling bucket. Then siphon the beer from the fermentation bucket to the bottling buck-

et. Fill the bottles using the siphon tubing connected to the spigot at one end and the bottling wand at the other. Fill all the bottles until they are 1 inch from the top. Use your capper and caps to cap all the bottles.

9. Now store your bottles in a dark place that keeps a minimum temperature between 65 and 75 degrees F for about one month.

After the one month storing process is done (I warned you about the restraint and patience), refrigerate to desired temperature, sit back, relax and enjoy. YOU my friend, if you got to this part, definitely deserve it!

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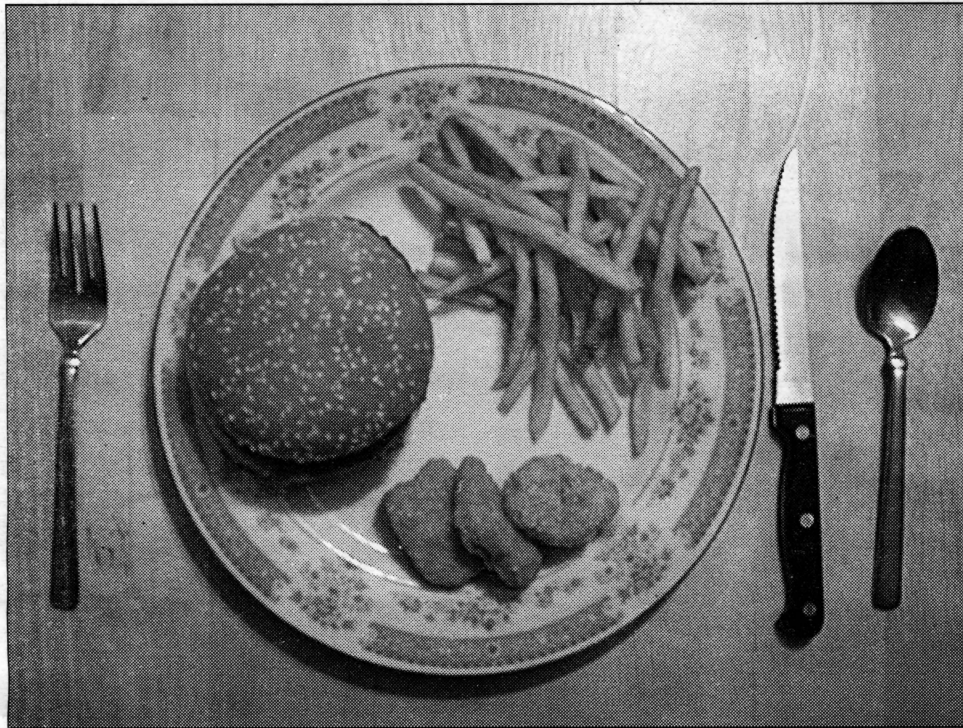
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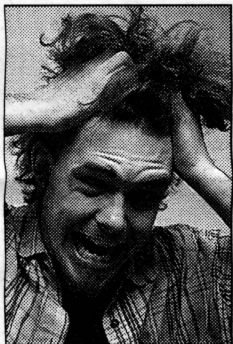
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EDITORIALS



Fast Food, Slow Feel

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With the recent renovations to some of the fast food industry's biggest staples, it makes a person wonder what's behind the changes.

Both Taco Bell and McDonalds on Harding Highway made drastic changes to their store's appearance in recent months. Walking into the "new" restaurants may even take you by surprise; You'll be tempted to run outside and make sure you're in the right restaurant.

This particular McDonalds, sets a high golden standard for our #1) common, modern dayas Smokey and the Bandit would say, "choke and pukes." #2) well-known fast-food chains. It's new atmosphere has an Italian theme consisting of pillars and art-deco tables and booths, complete with a custom installed sound system and plasma screen TVs for entertainment. To add to this modern prestige are internet plug-ins at the tables for the hungry, busy worker on the move or technology engulfed college students. It's quite a sight, and the minds behind our local McDonalds have thrown quite a lot of money, work, and thought into their restaurants. I'll be there to eat again, if for any reason, just to sit there in some classy looking restaurant and eat a double cheeseburger that cost a dollar.

Not to be ignored, one of my favorites, Taco Bell, recognized their competitive obligations and followed right behind. It was a good move by all regards. While Taco Bell doesn't have the extraordinary changes that Jerry Lewis is able to put forth from his

successful career's monetary ability, it still managed to change its appearance and atmosphere. Escaping from colors similar to the Miami Dolphin's striking scheme, Taco Bell is also using softer and more welcoming earth tones, which presents a more relaxed and comfortable dining experience.

The customer wants to sit in a place that welcomes their appetites instead of pushing them out the door. The goal is to leave the customer with a pleasant experience to keep them coming back. An employee of McDonalds told me that playlands are slowly being eradicated from McDonalds because parents bring kids there to eat instead of play, thus going somewhere else to eat after one too many bad experiences with a rowdy child. With the recent years of scrutiny towards fast-food and America's obesity problem, businesses seem to be realizing their dining has to be more customer-oriented and positively under-toned.

The I -75 intersections serve as a giant throat-hole to a steady influx of stomachs. These changes aren't being undertaken as a whole, only where it's needed to provide an advantage in such a cluster of competitors. A hopeful and ingenious innovation is if someone realized food is why we came to these places. If someone were to create a healthy, quick, and affordable alternative to the everyday fast-food drudgery, then they'd make a mint. We all know the salads are bad for you after the dressing is put on, right? Either way, both Taco Bell and McDonalds are so classy and affordable that it's where I'm bringing my next date! "A giant coke in cardboard with....TWO straws please."

"In 1972, we spent 3 billion a year on fast food -
Today we spend more than 100 billion"
- Morgan Spurlock, *Don't Eat This Book* (2005)

Introductory Biology?

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Anyone on campus who's going for a Bachelor's Degree already knows what I'm talking about, has heard about it, or should know about it. It's a requirement to have two science classes such as Biology 101 & 102 in sequence; also mandating that one must have a lab as part of the class curriculum. If you're a freshman or returning student who gave up on it their first time too, welcome to Hell, the most tedious class you'll ever know in your undergraduate career unless you take honors. Welcome to Biology 101.

We're going to college. Of course we need a well-rounded education to bring us to our fullest potential. If you graduate from college and don't learn something new, then the college isn't doing its job. Biology 101 is a very well organized class. The professors know their material incredibly well and teach it with enthusiasm. The course content flows in a logical and progressive nature so that it makes sense; but alas, it still leaves many of us in the dust smoking a pack of cigarettes and drinking Red Bull or coffee all night before a morning test, trying to cram and catch up.

We've all griped about it. We've all put off that lab report until the last minute because we don't have a clue of what we're doing. It's the kind of class that puts so much information into so little time that you get 5 credit hours for every 7 hours of class time a week. By the third day of class, you continually hear a sonic boom as the projector is clicked on and the notes fly at you as if

from a Naval launch deck.

The work load: One hour of lecture three days a week, two hours of lab twice a week, three exams, three lab reports increasing in size and complexity, mountains of Carmen notes, a small quiz nearly every Tuesday and Thursday, a scientific novel that must be read and scientifically analyzed in a lengthy final book report called a written exam, a text book that could knock out Muhammad Ali in his prime, and professors that know their subject so well that they fly through difficult material and fail to realize that they're teaching idiots who lose interest in biological science in five minutes.

It sounds like a lot, and that's because it is. This class constitutes 90% of my weekly studying and homework; as an introductory class. It shouldn't be so involved, but I realize that's how 101 classes are organized. They're supposed to introduce you to everything, and our campus' class surely does that. I guess I can't complain, but I've heard everyone else doing it; so I followed the crowd. I just wanted to speak up, speak up for the people who are like me. Put your nose to the grind stone, and you'll get through it. And lastly, it's okay to complain about it, while it's also okay to want to punch the person in the face who says, "Oh, it's not that bad... but I like biology;" with an almost condescending enthusiasm in their voice. Just remember, you can be expelled if you do, so don't actually do it.

Letter from the Publisher

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." -Thomas Jefferson

It has always been my belief that newspapers are the cornerstone of democracy. So long as the debate on what should be done and how we'll go about doing it remains public, the republic can remain healthy. Such discourse is not the natural ambition of authority, and must be facilitated by those governed if it is to ever be effective.

Unfortunately the importance of this debate is not often expressed under conditions that young adults can immediately impact with noticeable results. Observing and debating a world out of reach, leaves a person disconnected and uninterested. The world is studied, debated, and scrutinized, yet the all important factor of action is absent. Politics are local, and action starts with an informed people.

I find it faulty to believe we only aspire to be knowledgeable, so that we may accomplish something later. I say we exercise our impact now. We all share one thing in common, no matter what school we attend. We all dish out good sums of money, (be it our own, our parent's, or our government's) in exchange for knowledge and opportunity. What have you done to ensure the integrity, quality, and fair market value of that

purchase? What will you do to ensure such things in the governments and organizations that rule your lives?

In high school we were trained that student representation is an exercise in futility. An activity reserved for those who merely desired title with little responsibility to those they represented. High school newspapers, likewise, failed to accomplish any meaningful democratic objective for the reader. Now that we have moved to the exalted level of higher education, should we not practice what is preached by our professors? Is it not time for us grow past the bonds of presumed entitlement and compete in a free market for the standards we believe in?

The University Independent serves to facilitate the discussion of policies and practices that govern our education and lives as students.

We seek to inform our readers of opportunities and events that will enhance their perception and enjoyment of the world. It is always our intent to be objective and to present a balanced story. We are not bound to any institution or organization, we encourage submissions or participation by anyone, regardless of student status. It is the desire of this publication to eventually reach beyond the confines of this campus and voice the concerns of all young adults in Lima and surrounding areas.

Paul Fisher, UI Publisher

STUDENT LIFE

A Word from the Student Senate

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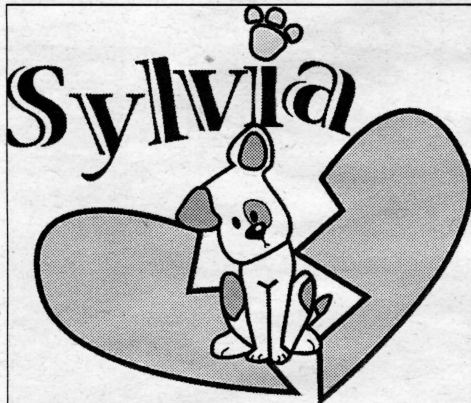
Your Lima Campus Student Senate has been hard at work for the past year and a half. We have been holding recruiting events such as the Free Lemon Aide Stand, Cereal with Senate, and the OSU / Michigan Game Day party. During this time we have also been working as a liaison between the student bodies of both James A. Rhodes State College and The Ohio State University at Lima and their respective administrations.

Current issues being addressed by the Senate are food services, student spaces on campus, and space for the new aerobic equipment. Each of these issues has been discussed with the appropriate administrators and action plans are currently being discussed. Your input as a student, faculty, or staff member is important on all of these issues. Please feel free to contact an active Senator or post your comments on the Senate Message Board at <http://limascc.proboards51.com/index.cgi?>.

We would like to invite all students on campus to participate in Senate. Every student on campus is considered a Senator. To become active all you need to do is participate in Senate Meetings. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Friday and Monday afternoons. Please look for the meeting signs posted on campus. The Senate's Mission Statement is "The Lima Campus Student Senate dedicates itself to the betterment of higher education and student life at The Ohio State University at Lima and James A. Rhodes State College. The Senate hereby promises to remain sensitive to the concerns of all students and to be a voice for all campus issues." For the Senate to be successful in being sensitive to student concerns and to advocate for student issues we need to hear from you

Sylvia: "Under Wraps?"

Megan B.
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experienced actors within the department.

Sylvia opens Thursday, February 23rd and runs through Sunday, February 26th. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances will start at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the box office, beginning at 7:00 pm for the evening performances. Seating commences at 7:30 pm. The Sunday matinee is scheduled to start at 2:00 pm, with tickets being available after 1:00 pm and seating at 1:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and \$4.00 for children under 12 and under as well as senior citizens.

The production is rated PG-13 due to the strong adult language and situations. Do use caution when bringing children.

Sylvia will be performed in the Stage II Rehearsal Room, which is located in Reed Hall on the Ohio State University at Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. The premise of the show revolves around a married man that cheats on his wife with their dog that has the ability to speak.

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Changing Channels

Dan Fraley
UI Staff Writer

When this column came to me, I had the general idea, but the details were not all there. Thankfully, I drew inspiration from the past year. 2005 brought us many things that we, the human race, can be truly thankful for.

By many things, I mean "Dancing with the Stars". Such a show makes you happy to be alive, doesn't it? 2005 was the year in which Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie both had books out. Truly, this is a sign of the apocalypse. Look for fire to rain from the skies on your commute home this week.

Jose Canseco had a controversial book of his own. His exposé on steroid abuse in major league baseball led many shocked lifelong fans to utter, "so what?"

But even with this serious allegation facing down some of the best the sport has to offer, all is not lost. This negative is almost balanced out by another sports story to rise out of 2005, Lance Armstrong won the Tour De France once again. With this victory in a sport that Americans pretend to care about, a realization is made. Its comforting to know that no Frenchman alive can ride a bicycle through France as well as an American cancer survivor missing part of his genitals. Who said patriotism was dead?

Due to its overwhelming success on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim, FOX resurrected a cult classic TV show it cancelled a couple years back. Family Guy returned to television, and the masses rejoiced. Howard Stern left the airwaves, one guy in Hoboken got really depressed. We were all treated to yet another Michael Jackson trial. I bet by the previous sentence, you can tell what the charges were. He was eventually acquitted, but promised his fans (the dove lady, the 27 impersonators, and Tito) that he would see them all at the inevitable next trial. Stay tuned.

All in all, it was a crazy and chaotic year, from hurricanes ravaging New Orleans to Fox News ravaging the truth. What a year it was. But now, 2006 is upon us and I have

taken it upon myself to make a few media predictions of my own for the coming year. January : After a lengthy career at the top of the Hollywood food chain, Anna Nicole Smith will have a sudden fall from grace. The result: 2 dead, 5 wounded.

March : The Hamburglar will be fired from McDonalds for stealing company property and "inappropriate conduct concerning a Fry Kid".

April : Michael Jackson will lose all the skin pigment he has left and become totally transparent. He will find a job as a picture window for a candy store in Boise, Idaho.

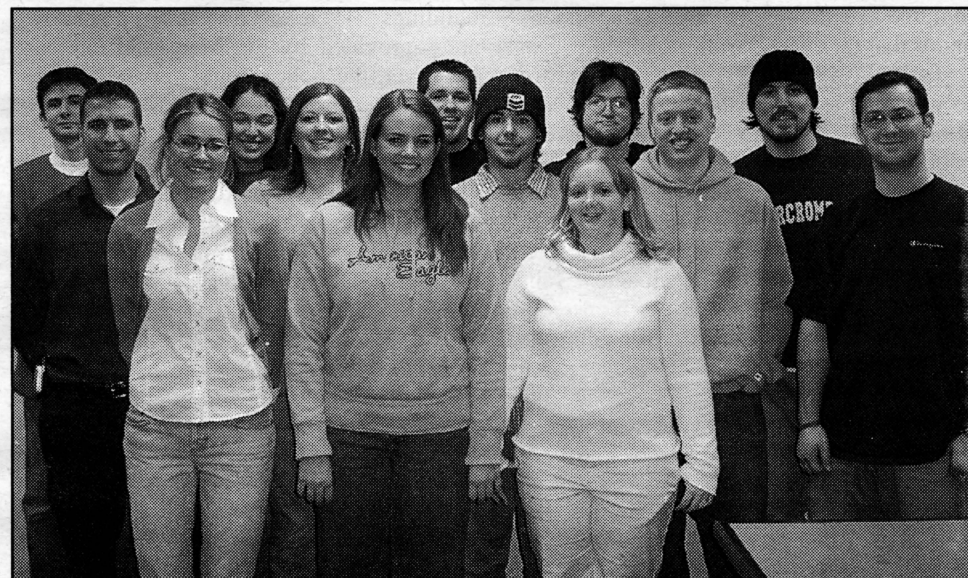
June: Paris Hilton will begin dating a well-known player for the New York Yankees. Steroids will immediately be bumped down to the second biggest threat to baseball's purity.

August: Paul Ruebens will make his long-awaited return to television. He will play a feature role in a new episode of COPS.

October: Television networks will finally run out of extreme conditions in which to shoot reality TV. They will be relegated to shoot in less-than-desirable locations to keep the genre going. Watch CBS 8 p.m Thursday night for Survivor: Backwoods Montana. Unfortunately, Big Brother 714 will have to halt production after a cast member identified as "Shane" sets fire to the house. At his trial (8/7c Monday night on CBS) he will defend his actions claiming that the fluorescent lights, the Russian mafia, and Bob Saget were conspiring to get him voted out of the house.

December : On the heels of the success of "Boston Legal," William Shatner will be inspired to record another album. As Shatner finishes the final track, a spoken word version of "Pinball Wizard," he will be shot and wounded by an assailant. At a press conference later that day, the police identify the attacker only by the name "Khan."

Until next time, remember that no one is perfect, but Chuck Norris is close enough.

University Independent Staff

3rd Row; Ryan Bonfiglio, Nellie Smith, Cody Dysert, Dan Fraley, Geoff Doute
2nd Row; Drew Devier, Megan Brideweser, Kirk Lundgren, Jered Slusher, Paul Fisher
Front; Ashlynn Beard, Jessica Almer, Megan Collar, (Lance Mihm, not pictured)

FEATURES CON'T

Smoking

cannot be effective if students are not aware of it. When asked if he was aware of the rule prohibiting smoking within 15 feet of campus buildings, OSU student David Yetter replied, "I had no idea there was a rule like that."

Yetter went on to express his frustration regarding daily encounters with secondhand smoke on campus: "The smoke bothers me a lot. I know smokers have the right to smoke, but non-smokers have the right to breathe fresh air."

This conflict of rights is apparent to both sides of the argument, and so is the fact that many OSU and Rhodes students are unaware of the campus smoking policy.

The most direct way to inform students on campus about the smoking policy is to post signs. This has already been done—well, sort-of. Excluding the Engineering and Industrial Technology Building, only 3 out of 6 buildings have at least one "No Smoking within 15 Feet" sign posted in main entrances.

While some entrances, such as Reed Hall, have "Please No Smoking" signs posted; only 3 out of 23 main entrances have a sign informing students of the smoking policy. This means that 87% of entrances do not inform students of the 15-foot rule.

What is more, 2 of the buildings on campus—the Public Service Building and the Science Building—have no signs posted at all. Zip, zero, none. Similarly, the main entrance to the Early Childhood Lab makes no mention of smoking whatsoever—a startling fact given that children walk in and out of this building each day.

Though Galvin Hall has the greatest number of signs posted, only 1 out of the 9 signs read, "No Smoking Within 15 Feet." These statistics point to the conclusion that signs informing students of the smoking policy need to be posted at all building entrances.

If awareness of the campus smoking policy is a problem, it is not surprising that enforcement is a problem as well. A handful of student smokers are aware of the 15-foot rule, yet they choose to ignore it. OSU student Abbie Watkins, who smokes in the Galvin Hall entranceway 4-5 times per day, admitted to knowing the rule. "But nobody stands that far away," Watkins added.

Jacob Meyer, an OSU student, admitted he was also aware of the rule. As a non-smoker who hates the smell of cigarette smoke, Meyer is frustrated that "the policy is neither obeyed nor enforced."

Just like completing a college degree, enforcing a campus smoking policy is easier said than done. Policy enforcement falls under the authority of security. Nonsmokers may fault campus security for failing to enforce the smoking policy. However, what should be done when students violate the policy in large numbers or when a smoker refuses to move 15 feet away from an entrance?

Head of Security Amy Hover has her hands full trying to enforce campus parking policies. When asked what will make the biggest difference in helping security enforce the smoking policy, Hover replied, "The support of the student body is cru-

cial."

The fact that this is a shared campus further complicates the enforcement issue. As John Upshaw, Director of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs for OSU-Lima and Rhodes State College, points out, "Security also needs the support of both administrations."

"We have been remiss in enforcing the smoking policy on campus; however, our goal is to wrap ourselves around it," Upshaw added. Whether this means that security will regularly monitor main entrances or not, administrators from both schools are concerned about the smoking issue.

Another concern held by administrators is the sight of cigarette butts scattered on the ground. It seems reasonable to expect that students use the cigarette urns provided by the campus. Throwing a butt on the ground is littering, which is in violation of Ohio law.

Although the cigarette urns were placed near building entrances to discourage such littering, perhaps moving them 15 feet away from campus buildings would help to enforce the smoking policy.

Student smokers are not excited about enforcement of the smoking policy. "Smokers are not considered!" said Gary, who prefers to remain anonymous. Like many smokers, Gary wants to know: "Why aren't they inclusive enough to provide specified smoking areas?"

When Rhodes State student Sven Ladin was shown where he should be standing when smoking outside of Galvin Hall, he replied, "That would be in the rain." This is a popular concern among smokers, and it should be taken seriously.

Student Senate President Jeanette Passmore said, "We need to provide shelter, at least 15 feet from the buildings, for those students who smoke."

The OSU campus at Mansfield instituted a new smoking policy in 1998. The purposes set forth in the policy were "to reduce congestion at the principle entrances, to lessen litter, and to provide non-smokers ways of entering buildings free of second-hand smoke." The policy lists specific areas where smoking is permitted outside the buildings. There are no sheltered smoking areas provided by the Mansfield campus. However, the policy could serve as an example to follow.

Students are encouraged to get involved in student life issues. John Upshaw said, "I appreciate the efforts students are taking to address issues that will help to advance student life on the campus of OSU-Lima and Rhodes State College. We have and continue to encourage student engagement and student involvement, and it seems that students are becoming more involved and are challenging us to address issues that are close and important to them."

Cynthia Spiers echoes this sentiment. She said, "The student voice on this topic is extremely pertinent to the overall issue and enforcement of a joint policy. You are the customers we serve, and we want to provide an environment that is conducive to learning." Spiers added, "Believe me, we are all interested in a safe, clean, and healthy envi-

Facebook

more about me", "and I can learn something about them so I can create relationships with people that I see everyday."

Many students find Facebook useful for connecting with other people on campus that are taking the same classes.

Another Ohio State Lima Freshman, Ashley Crow, says that Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with friends from out-of-state colleges.

"One reason that Facebook is useful to me is because it allows me to talk to some of my friends who go to college out of state, and see how things in their lives are going," Ashley says.

Facebook also allows students to join groups on their campus. The University Independent and The Student Senate have created official groups for their respective clubs. But these groups are not limited to campus clubs. Different types of groups exist, ranging from procrastinators to anti-Michigan fans.

There is even the "Officially Official OSU Lima Group" group. Flyers promoting the group mysteriously appeared on campus fall quarter. The group was formed by Ohio State Lima's Nellie Smith, and since its creation it has gained at least 70 members. The group aims to connect students on Facebook that

are currently enrolled at OSU Lima.

Facebook does not currently offer service to students at Rhodes State College. But Rhodes students can gain access to Facebook by simply logging on to www.facebook.com and requesting that their school be added.

If enough interest is generated, Facebook will give Rhodes State its own section and Rhodes State students will be able to create accounts and enjoy all of the features that Facebook offers.

Laura Huber, a Rhodes State student, is one of the supporters of getting Rhodes State on Facebook. Laura says, "I think it would be cool to stay in touch with friends from your graduating class and to gain new friends." Laura has been waiting for Rhodes State to get a Facebook account since last November.

Sandy Nagy, Ohio State Lima student, wants Rhodes State to get an account on Facebook as well.

"Facebook is the most addicting waste of time ever", Sandy says. "That's why I love it". "I really want Rhodes State to get on Facebook because I have lots of friends from Rhodes State that I would like to see get an account."



Cigarette butts litter the mulch just outside the Tech Ed Lab entrance, despite the designated cigarette depository in the upper left.

ronment, and we want to be considerate of all students' needs."

Smoking on campus is a concern held by students, faculty, and staff of both schools.

More importantly, any prospective solution to this problem needs to address both the enforcement of the smoking policy and the need for specified outdoor smoking areas.

SPORTS

BARONS

Athletics Update

Ryan Bonfiglio
UI Staff Writer

Basketball

On Saturday Jan. 14th both the Barons and Lady Barons were in ORCC action against OU-Chillicothe at Cook Hall.

The Lady Barons started the afternoon off right by limiting the ORCC leaders OU-Chillicothe to only 11 points in the first half. In the second half, the Lady Barons fought off a charge, and cruised to a 54-39 victory. Alli Brodman of the Lady Barons led all scorers with 15 points. Sarah Parkins had 13 points, Nikki Harrod 12.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Barons were limited to just six players due to class requirements and a family illness. Even though depleted, the Barons put up a valiant fight in which they only trailed 35-38 at the half. The Barons could just not get over the hump and ended up falling 80-84. Lance Sherry scored 26 points, while Jason Sarno added 20 points.

Weight Room

Our weight room has a number of different machines and free weights including, a squat rack, a curl bar and bench press, an incline bench, dumbbells, and a pulldown press. Our exercise machines are two fan bikes, a stair stepper, a butterfly press, and a leg flexron. The weight room is open to any student attending school or any faculty member. Our athletic staff is very knowledgeable about the equipment. If you need assistance, we can help. If you have any further questions about our weight room facilities, stop by the Athletic Department in Cook Hall Room 105 and we will be happy to assist you. Recently, there have been rumors about the weight room possibly being gutted to make a new weight room facility. These are still currently rumors, and we will keep you up to date on this issue.

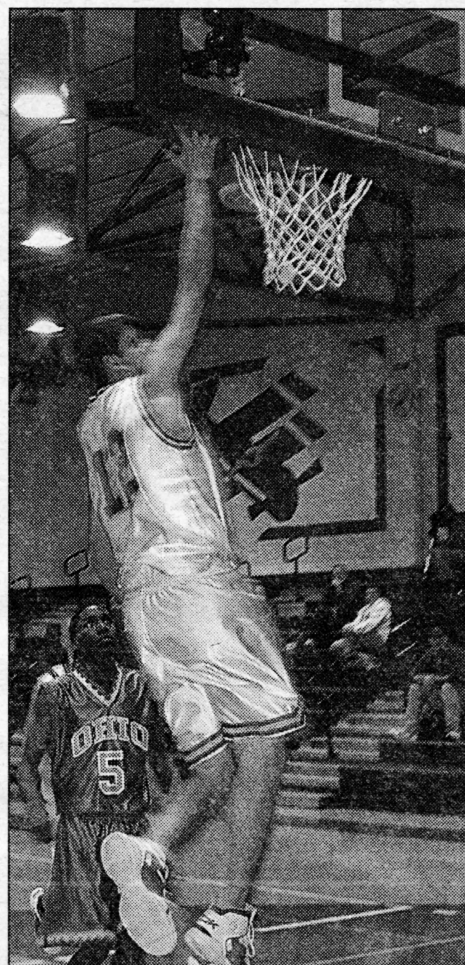
Open Recreation

All currently enrolled Ohio State/Rhodes State students and Ohio State/Rhodes State faculty and the staff are eligible to participate in open recreation activities. Everyone must have a valid I.D. card and must sign in at the monitor's desk to use the facilities. There is a weight room also available.

Open recreation includes, but is not limited to the following activities:

Jogging Biking
Walking Tumbling
Stair-stepping Floor hockey
Basketball Soccer
Volleyball Aerobics
Whiffleball

Activities are limited only by our resources and your imagination.



Sports Trivia

(Answer will appear in next issue)

What was the last year the Lady Barons won the women's basketball ORCC championship?

Looking for a few Good Men, & Women

The University Independent is seeking ambitious, articulate, people to assist in all aspects of this publication. We are proud to offer you this inaugural edition. It has taken a great deal of effort and ambition to blaze this trail head.

Now that we have a product in hand, and our vision has become more tangible, we seek to expand and improve the newspaper. To do this we need the help of people like you.

Newspapers are not just for English and journalism majors, or those who find pleasure in word smithing. It is a breeding ground for many opportunities. We need people interested in selling ads on a commission basis and the people who design those ads. We need meticulous organizers with passion for keeping things on track and running smoothly. People who will share their knack for always knowing what is going on by keeping us up to date on Lima's entertainment scene. We need a PHP/MySQL programmer to add flare to our website.

The University Independent is a group of self motivated, ambitious people. We have a thirst for truth and a passion for fun. Join us.

We meet every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Public Service Building Room 212/212.

Upcoming Events

Next Women's BB home game:
Sat. Feb. 11 v. UA Wayne@ 1:00

Next Men's BB home game:
Sat. Feb. 11 v. UA Wayne@ 3:00

Intramural basketball
on Tuesdays and Thursdays @
12:30 in Cook Hall Gym

Open Gym Volleyball
on Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 6:00 - 8:00 in
Cook Hall Gym

Fitness center
new evening hours:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
10:00-6:30

Baseball

Get your arm in shape and improve your timing at the plate! Individual work-outs are underway for spring baseball.

Team practices will begin February 9th. For more information on how to join the Baron's baseball team, stop by the athletic office in Cook Hall, call 419-995-8281 or email livchak.1@osu.edu.

Open Gym

General open gym hours are 10am - 6:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 10am-4pm on Wednesday and Friday. The hours may vary during the quarter. Information is available in Cook Hall Room 105 or by calling (419) 995-8281.

ORCC Men's and Woman's Basketball Standings

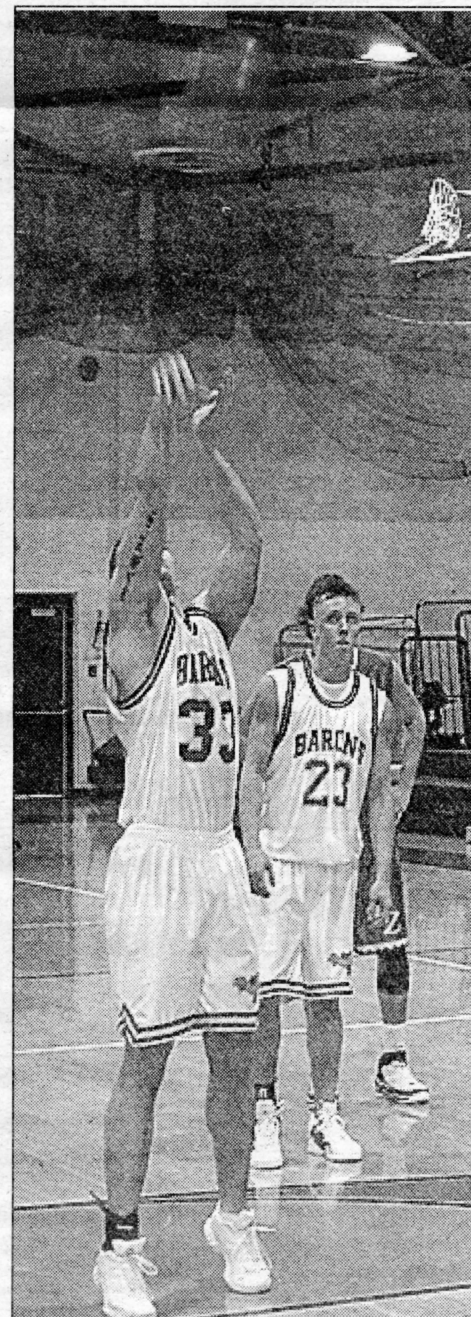
(Note: Standings as of Friday 1/27)

Women's ORCC Standings

Newark 11-2
OU Zanesville 12-3
OU Chillicothe 11-3
OU Eastern 10-5
OU Lancaster 7-5
UA Wayne 8-7
*Lady Barons 6-8
UC Clermont 3-11
MU Middletown 2-12
MU Hamilton 1-12

Men's ORCC Standings

UC Clermont 9-2
MU Hamilton 10-3
MU Middletown 9-3
*Barons 7-5
OU Chillicothe 7-5
Newark 6-5
OU Eastern 6-7
UA Wayne 3-10
OU Zanesville 2-10
OU Lancaster 0-10



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Eastgate Dollar Movies

2100 Harding Highway, Lima, OH, 45804

Dreamer Inspired by a True Story

Starts on Sat., Jan. 21

The Family Stone

Rated PG-13, 1 hr 42 min

Showtimes: 7:00, 9:15

The Ringer

Rated PG-13, 1 hr 40 min

Showtimes: 7:15, 9:25

Walk the Line

Rated PG-13, 2 hr 13 min

Showtimes: 6:45, 9:20

Yours, Mine & Ours

Rated PG, 1 hr 28 min

Showtimes: 7:30, 9:30

Zathura

Starts on Saturday, Jan. 21

Kenton Theatre 3

221 West Franklin Street

Kenton, OH, 43326

Cheaper by the Dozen 2

Rated PG, 1 hr 40 min

Showtimes: 7:15, 9:15

Hoodwinked

Rated PG, 1 hr 23 min

Showtimes: 7:00, 9:00

Underworld: Evolution

Rated R, 1 hr 46 min

Showtimes: 7:15, 9:30

Regal Cinema 7

1450 North Cable Road, Lima, OH, 45805

Cheaper by the Dozen 2

Rated PG, 1 hr 40 min

Showtimes: (4:30)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Rated PG, 2 hr 10 min

Showtimes: (4:00), 7:00, 9:50

Fun with Dick and Jane

Rated PG-13, 1 hr 30 min

Showtimes: (4:10), 7:40, 10:10

Glory Road

Rated PG, 1 hr 46 min

Showtimes: (4:40), 7:20, 10:10

Hoodwinked

Rated PG, 1 hr 20 min

Showtimes: (5:00), 7:10, 9:40

Hostel

Rated R, 1 hr 35 min

Showtimes: 7:30, 9:50

Last Holiday

Rated PG-13, 1 hr 52 min

Showtimes: (4:20), 7:20, 10:00

Underworld: Evolution

Rated R, 1 hr 46 min

Showtimes: (4:30), 7:30, 10:00

Rock me Amadeus

Nellie Smith

UI Staff Writer

On the night of January 21st the Lima Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, led by Crafton Beck, presented their annual Mozart by Candlelight concert at St. John's Catholic Church in Lima. This concert, underwritten by Spherion, featured some of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's most compelling work and was presented just six days before the 250th anniversary of the master's birth. Lit only by the light of hundreds of candles, the beauty and exceptional acoustics of St. John's made it an ideal venue for this concert.

The feature work on the program

was Mozart's mighty Requiem. This piece, commissioned by a wealthy count upon the death of his wife, was Mozart's last work and was left unfinished when he died. Subsequently completed by other composers, it was publicly performed for the first time on December 14th, 1793 in Vienna, and has since become one of Mozart's most famous and enduring works. The Lima Symphony and Chorus presented a gripping interpretation of this masterpiece, which highlighted the talents of many local singers, and which was rendered all the more powerful by the religious venue in which it was played.

Also played was the Symphony No. 34 in C Major (K.338), one of Mozart's most festive symphonies, which was finished in 1780 and was later to be performed for Emperor Joseph the Second.



The Lima Symphony Orchestra tunes for a Mozart by Candlelight performance at St. John's Church in downtown Lima. The Annual event is also performed in Delphos.

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Welcome Dr. McCurdy President Rhodes State College	2 Coyote on Campus Make your own book-mark. Gameroom 12-4	3 Senate Meeting SCI 270 @ 1:00	4	5
6 Senate Meeting SCI 270 @ 4:00	7	8 Peanut Butter Bash Gameroom 11-1 Celebrate inventor of peanut butter-George Washington Carver	9 CAB Meeting GA 066 @ 12:30	10 Monte Carlo Casino Night 7-10 p.m. Location TBA	11 Basketball vs UA Wayne CK Hall Gym @ 1:00 Women's & 3:00 Men's	12
13	14 Valentine's Day!	15 Leadership Workshop Transitioning Leadership SCI 270 @ 12:30	16 CAB Meeting GA 066 @ 12:30	17 Senate Meeting SCI 270 @ 1:00	18	19
20 Senate Meeting SCI 270 @ 4:00	21	22	23	24 Theater Production Sylvia in the Martha W. Farmer Theater for the Performing Arts Stage 2 @ 8:00	25 Theater Production Sylvia in the Martha W. Farmer Theater for the Performing Arts Stage 2 @ 8:00	26 Theater Production Sylvia in the Martha W. Farmer Theater for the Performing Arts Stage 2 @ 8:00
27	28 Leadership Workshop Community Service Opportunities TBA @ 12:30					

Celebrate Black History Month!